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**CMS: Chambers Law Firm of the Year Award 2012 for CEE**

**At this year’s Chambers Europe Awards in Amsterdam, CMS received the Law Firm of the Year Award for Central and Eastern Europe for the first time.**

The leading position of CMS in Europe was confirmed again at this year’s Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence, as CMS was named Law Firm of the Year for CEE. Peter Huber, Managing Partner at CMS in Vienna, is delighted by this win for CMS and comments, “With our excellent local expertise and our cross-border cooperation between CMS member firms, we offer our clients a crucial competitive edge in the region. Our clients have appreciated the sustainable involvement of CMS in CEE/SEE for a long time. This award again confirms our success and is a great honour for us.” Along with the award for CEE, CMS also received an award in Hungary and a Client Service Award in Portugal.

**CMS in CEE**

CMS is a pioneer among international law firms active in Eastern Europe. For more than fifteen years, our legal experts have advised mostly international clients wishing to enter these markets. CMS was one of the first international legal advisors to establish offices across the region. More than 600 lawyers and tax experts in 14 locations and two country desks advise companies, governments and international organisations in all areas of law in the whole CEE/SEE region.

**About CMS**

CMS aims to be the best European provider of legal and tax services. Clients benefit from the expertise of 750 partners and 2800 lawyers based in 52 offices in 28 jurisdictions. CMS firms posted a combined turnover of EUR 808m in 2011.

***The CMS ten member firms are:*** *CMS Adonnino Ascoli & Cavasola Scamoni (Italy); CMS Albiñana & Suárez de Lezo (Spain); CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre (France); CMS Cameron McKenna LLP (UK); CMS DeBacker (Belgium); CMS Derks Star Busmann (Netherlands); CMS von Erlach Henrici Ltd. (Switzerland); CMS Hasche Sigle (Germany); CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz (Austria) and CMS Rui Pena & Arnaut (Portugal).* [www.cmslegal.com](http://www.cmslegal.com/)

**About CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz**

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